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**PATENT**

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OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT A**

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**August 9, 2006**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2006, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.